

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 28-38 are amended as to form.

Claims 6-27 are cancelled without prejudice, as applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications related to their subject matter.

Claims 39-60 are new claims depending from claim 1. Support for the new claims may be found generally throughout the originally filed specification, for example, the original claims.

Responsive to the preliminary lack of unity determination, applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-5 and 39-60, directed to a system, with traverse.

The reasons for traverse follow:

Groups I, IV, and V are sufficiently closely related that a search and examination of the entire application can be made without a serious burden. Groups VI and V require the system of claim 1 from Group I. Accordingly, a complete search for the system of Group I should reveal all relevant art for Groups IV and V.

Moreover, in applying this same legal standard with similar claims, the International Searching Authority did not determine the unity of invention as lacking. Thus, the Patent Office has the benefit of the search report, but fails to explain why a different legal conclusion was reached.

Therefore, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Favorable action on the merits of the all the claims in their full scope is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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